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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 307

Introduced by Assembly Member Chavez

February 9, 2005

An act to amend Section 51871.5 of the Education Code, relating to education technology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 307, as amended, Chavez. Education technology: grants: requirements.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to administer the California Technology Assistance Project to provide a regionalized network of technical assistance to schools and school districts on the implementation of education technology. Existing law requires the department to administer provisions governing education technology and authorizes school districts, county offices of education, and state special schools to apply to the State Board of Education to participate in grant programs related to education technology. Existing law requires a school district to have a current 3- to 5-year education technology plan as a precondition to receiving a technology grant administered by the department, unless this requirement is waived by the board.

This bill would require the education technology plan to include a component to educate pupils and teachers on ethical behavior in regards to the use of information technology, the concept, purpose, and significance of a copyright, and the implications of illegal peer-to-peer network file sharing. *The bill would except a school*

district that, on January 1, 2007, has a 3- to 5-year education technology plan from compliance with this requirement until that plan expires at which time the school district would be subject to the requirement.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51871.5 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 51871.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that education
4 technology planning be accomplished in the most comprehensive
5 manner possible. To that end, the current practice of developing
6 education technology plans for each funding program should be
7 replaced with a comprehensive local planning process that will
8 enable school districts to apply for grants on an ongoing basis
9 and assist in utilizing available education technology programs.

10 (b) On or after January 1, 2005, as a precondition to receiving
11 a technology grant administered by the department, a school
12 district shall have a current three- to five-year education
13 technology plan. The state board may waive this requirement if it
14 determines that the applicant school district made a good faith
15 effort to develop a plan, but for reasons beyond its control, the
16 district cannot develop the plan before receipt of the technology
17 grant.

18 (c) The education technology plan required pursuant to
19 subdivision (b) shall include a component to educate pupils and
20 teachers on ethical behavior in regards to the use of information
21 technology, the concept, purpose, and significance of a
22 copyright, and the implications of illegal peer-to-peer network
23 file sharing. *A school district that, on January 1, 2007, has a*
24 *current three to five year education technology plan that*
25 *complies with subdivision (b) is not required to comply with this*
26 *subdivision until after the plan expires.*

27 (d) On or after January 1, 2005, the Superintendent shall
28 ensure that each school district has access to technical assistance
29 and an approved online technology plan builder that the
30 department determines is in compliance with state and federal
31 requirements.

1 (e) The department shall maintain a record of school districts
2 that have a three- to five-year education technology plan and
3 shall make that information available to interested public
4 agencies.

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